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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., *Chairman*
Tom Watkins

SUBJECT: Report on the Michigan After-School Partnership Year-End Report

The State School Aid Act, Public Act 351 of 2004 was signed into law on September 28, 2004. The language within the law requires that the Department of Education and Family Independence Agency collaborate with the State Board of Education to extend the duration of the Michigan After-School Initiative, to be renamed the Michigan After-School Partnership and oversee its efforts to implement the policy recommendations and strategic next steps identified in the Michigan After-School Initiative report of December 15, 2003. Section 39 (n)(iii) of the law requires:

Each year on or before December 31, the Michigan After-School Partnership shall report its progress in reaching the recommendations set forth in the Michigan After-School Initiative's report to the legislature and the governor.

To meet this legislative mandate, the attached report was prepared and forwarded prior to December 31.

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MICHIGAN AFTER-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (MASP)
YEAR-END REPORT

DECEMBER 15, 2004

CO-CHAIRLED BY
THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE)
AND
THE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY (FIA)

The Michigan After-School Partnership (MASP) was established by Public Act 344 of 2004 (September 29, 2004) and Public Act 351 of 2004 (September 30, 2004). The sections of those budget bills, sponsored by Rep. Jerry Kooiman (Grand Rapids) and Sen. Ron Jelinek (Three Oaks), call for the creation of MASP with a set-aside of \$25,000 each from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Family Independence Agency (FIA) to leverage private funding to engage the public and private sectors in building and sustaining high-quality out-of-school-time programs and resources.

The MASP extends the duration of the task force known as the Michigan After-School Initiative (MASI) that was co-chaired by the MDE and FIA to conduct an assessment of after-school services in Michigan and develop a plan to ensure every school-age child in Michigan has access to after-school programming. The MDE and FIA oversee MASP's efforts to implement the policy recommendations and strategic next steps identified in the MASI report of December 15, 2003.

The five goals outlined in the MASI Report in its action plan for providing after-school programs for all school-age children in Michigan are:

- Goal 1. Reinforce and extend existing public support for after-school programs.
- Goal 2. Develop state structures and policies that support quality after-school programming.
- Goal 3. Identify and facilitate access to sustainable funding mechanisms for existing after-school programs.
- Goal 4. Ensure that all Michigan school-age children have access to a variety of quality after-school programs that enhance physical, social, emotional and cognitive development.
- Goal 5. Alleviate after-school childcare burdens of working parents and caregivers.

In order to accomplish the above goals, several key policy and legislative actions were necessary. They included extending the duration of the task force and providing public funding to leverage private dollars that would fund a coordinator position to manage the task force. An ad-hoc partnership of nearly 70 organizations worked throughout the 2004 legislative session to secure passage of the legislation to create and fund the MASP. Grant funds were secured from two national foundations to further this work. On November 5, 2004 The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (Mott) awarded the MASP \$225,000 over three years to establish the after-school network and accomplish the goals set forth by the 2003 MASI report. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) awarded \$100,000 to the MASP on November 2, 2004 to include health and obesity prevention education for youth-serving programs statewide. In addition, a new \$5 million statewide competitive interagency after-school program was passed with the help of the ad-hoc partnership in the 2004-05 Budget.

Since passage of the legislation in late September 2004, the MASP steering committee held its initial meeting on November 1, 2004, at the Michigan Department of Education. At that time, Janelle Cousino of the Afterschool Alliance and Audrey Hutchinson, National League of Cities, (both consultants with the Mott-funded Afterschool Technical Assistance Collaborative) were available as resources and to share information on how Mott-funded efforts in other states were developing their after-school networks. The steering committee set forth three immediate objectives to accomplish through committees: establish a governance structure; hire a coordinator; and announce the private funding received from The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

To date, the governance committee has met twice, discussed a draft system and is in the process of identifying key leaders to serve on its board of directors. The hiring committee met to develop a job description for an executive director. The MDE, serving as the fiduciary for the MASP, is processing the contract to advertise that consulting position. The public announcement on the Mott and RWJ grants will be by either press conference or news release in January 2005.

The first Michigan After-School Partnership Conference sponsored by the MDE is scheduled for March 17, 2005 in Pontiac for the out-of-school time community, including teachers, on-site staff, administrators, child care providers, and parents.